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MUM'S THE WORD

As we approach September and October our flower gardens in many cases have surpassed their prime, and we begin to think of new plants to replace those tired annuals.



Ornamental Cabbage

The most popular fall plant for its many varieties of color, and withstanding the frosty nights, is the hardy Chrysanthemum. Although the term "hardy" does not, necessarily mean it will come back next year. It's tough enough to withstand our Northeast Ohio climate, in late fall. We treat Mums as an annual, with full intention of removing them at the end of the season. They are relatively inexpensive, and give tremendous color on a large plant for extended periods. They are quite showy when planted in masses close together.

Ornamental Grasses, Kale and Cabbage make great companion plantings. We have been using ornamental Kale in greater numbers, as they will provide color and interest even into January! New varieties produce heads over 18" in width with wonderful texture, and a variety of color.



Ornamental Kale

FALL BULBS = SPRING SPECTACULAR!

NOW is the time to plan for your brilliant bulb display for next Spring! Spring flowering bulbs such as Daffodils, Crocus, Hyacinth or the favorite; Tulips, should be ordered now in time for your fall planting in October. The ideal time to plant is after the first frost and the soil temperature has dropped below sixty degrees.

Bulbs prefer well drained, fertile soil, or they will rot. Always cultivate the soil before planting, and finish with a "good drink of water". Planting depth, as a general rule should be two times the size of the bulb. (We use an auger with a power drill to speed the process). Bulb fertilizer should be applied in the early spring when the new plants begin to emerge.



Once again – mass plantings close together will make a huge impact on your curb appeal next Spring!

For car stopping ideas about the beautiful new bulb varieties for 2009 we have installed a special

website. Here you can browse at your leisure at hundreds of beautiful arrangements of bulbs, unlike anything you have seen! We have made it simple and fun at the same time!

Just click on www.AmericanBeautyLandscaping.com <<http://www.americanbeautylandscaping.com/>> and follow the link to Fall Mums/Spring Bulbs.

See You Next Month,

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